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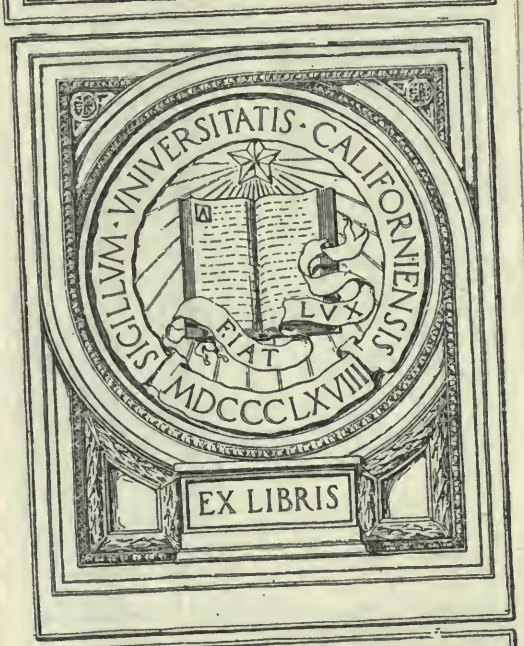

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DEATH OF REPRESENTATIVE WM. F. MAHONEY

PROCEEDINGS IN THE HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, *January 4, 1905.*

The House met at 12 o'clock noon.

The Chaplain, Rev. Henry N. Couden, D. D., offered the following prayer:

Almighty Father, from whom cometh all that is purest, noblest, and best in life, we bless Thee for the hallowed associations, the social pleasures, and uplifting influence of the season just passed into history; and we most fervently pray that for all it has brought to us of joy or sorrow, pleasure or pain, we may be the better prepared to fulfill our destiny as individuals and as a nation. Inspire, we beseech Thee, each Member of this House with wisdom to guide, strength to sustain, patience to endure; and may the Spirit that cometh from above sustain and guide the Speaker in his arduous duties, that the work of the session may be for the good of the nation and redound to Thy glory. Once more, almighty God, our heavenly Father, are we called upon to mourn the loss of one of the Congressional family, who graciously and efficiently filled a place upon this floor and whose genial presence inspired friendship in the hearts of all who came in contact with him. Comfort them in his loss and be especially near to the sorrowing wife and children, that they may look up to Thee in this hour of bereavement and find solace in the

blessed hope of that land which is fairer than day, where pain and sorrow never enter, and where peace and joy will reign forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

DEATH OF REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM F. MAHONEY.

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, it becomes my sad duty to announce to the House the death of my late colleague, WILLIAM F. MAHONEY, who passed away at his home in Chicago on the 27th of last month.

Following the precedents of the House, I shall not at this time give any extended expression to my personal sense of loss or pay tribute to his worth; but I shall hereafter ask the House to set aside some Sunday afternoon for the consideration of his personal character and his public services, at which time Members of the House may fittingly express their grief and their deep respect.

I now offer the resolutions which I send to the Clerk's desk.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the House of Representatives has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret of the death of Hon. WILLIAM F. MAHONEY, late a Representative from the State of Illinois.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate, and also a copy thereof to the family of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative the House do now adjourn.

The resolutions were unanimously agreed to; and accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 10 minutes p. m.) the House adjourned until to-morrow at 12 o'clock noon.

JANUARY 5, 1905.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Parkinson, its reading clerk, announced that the Senate had passed the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with deep sensibility the announcement of the death of Hon. WILLIAM F. MAHONEY, late a Representative from the State of Illinois.

Resolved, That as an additional mark of respect to the memory of the deceased the Senate do now adjourn.

FEBRUARY 9, 1905.

MEMORIAL EXERCISES.

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that Sunday, February 26, beginning at 12 o'clock, be devoted to memorial exercises on the life and character of the late Representative WILLIAM F. MAHONEY, from the State of Illinois.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

MEMORIAL ADDRESSES

SUNDAY, *February 26, 1905.*

The House was called to order at 12 o'clock noon by William J. Browning, Chief Clerk, who announced that the Speaker had designated the Hon. William P. Hepburn as Speaker pro tempore for this day.

Mr. Hepburn took the chair as Speaker pro tempore.

The Chaplain, Rev. Henry N. Couden, D. D., offered the following prayer:

Our Father who art in heaven, we thank Thee for that deep and ever-abiding faith which looks up to Thee as the creator, upholder, and sustainer of all, and for that eternal hope which binds us to Thee by ties which neither time nor space can sever. "For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord." For without these angels from Thy heart, O God, life would be indeed a desert without a single oasis to cheer the weary traveler on his way. With these even the mystery of death is solved, so when it comes and takes away our dear ones we can throw ourselves into the everlasting arms and feel the warm pulsations of a heavenly Father's heart and say:

There is no death! What seems so is transition;
This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life elysian,
Whose portal we call Death

So send, we beseech Thee, our heavenly Father, these angels to comfort the hearts of the colleagues, friends, and families of those for whom we have gathered here to-day in loving remembrance, and Thine be the praise forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Journal of yesterday's proceedings was read and approved.

THE LATE HON. WILLIAM F. MAHONEY.

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, I offer the resolutions which I send to the Clerk's desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Illinois offers the resolutions which the Clerk will report.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That in pursuance of the special order heretofore adopted the House proceed to pay tribute to the memory of Hon. WILLIAM F. MAHONEY, late a Member of this House from the State of Illinois.

Resolved, That as a particular mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, and in recognition of his eminent abilities as a faithful and distinguished public servant, the House, at the conclusion of the memorial proceedings of this day, shall stand adjourned.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate.

Resolved, That the Clerk be, and is hereby, instructed to send a copy of these resolutions to the family of the deceased.

Address of Mr. Mann, of Illinois

Mr. Speaker: William Frank Mahoney was born February 22, 1856. He died at his home in Chicago on December 27, 1904. He was born in Chicago, he lived in Chicago all of his life, and he died in Chicago. He was born in the district which he represented in Congress—a condition which has seldom, if ever, been paralleled in Chicago. He was educated in the public schools, and at the age of 20 entered upon a successful business career which made him one of the prominent merchants of his city.

The parliamentary contest in Ireland excited his active attention in his early life, and he became a considerable contributor to the Irish parliamentary funds, as well as prominently identified with various Irish-American societies.

I first met Mr. Mahoney when I was elected a member of the Chicago city council, in April, 1892. He was then a member of that body. He was elected to the city council six times, each term being for two years, and each reelection increased his majority.

I came to know him well in the city council and to have respect for his manly figure, his courteous ways, and his mild but determined manner. He was a Democrat. I was a Republican. We were of opposite political faiths, and our views as to the terms upon which public franchises ought to be granted by the council did not agree.

We were usually on opposite sides of important questions, but I learned to respect and admire him. The city council of Chicago then had sixty-eight members. It was the sole local

legislative body for a population of between one and two millions. The amount of business transacted by it was enormous and covered all the range of subjects possible to arise in a growing city or locality. It required the same devotion to duty, the same attention to constituents, the same constant looking out for the welfare of his ward, in order to make a good city alderman, that it does to make a good Member of Congress. To be six times elected to the city council of Chicago is proof of the affectionate esteem in which Mr. MAHONEY was held by the people of his ward whom he represented. He was raised in their midst; he was with them as a boy, as a young man, and as a public servant. His sweetness of disposition, his kindliness of manner, his readiness to attend to their needs and their wants, his willingness to at all times be of service to the humblest of them, even at the sacrifice of his personal comfort, gained for him not only their esteem and their admiration, but as well their love.

Having served a long career in the legislative body of his city, he was transferred by his constituents as their Representative in the National Legislature, and was first elected in 1900 as a member of the Fifty-seventh Congress, and reelected to the Fifty-eighth Congress in 1902.

He was not naturally a boisterous man in any way. He was quiet. He was mild mannered. Among the new associates in this body, he was yet diffident and somewhat bashful. These traits would naturally have made him less well known among the membership here than would otherwise have been the case. But he never enjoyed good health after he came to Congress. The fatal malady had already commenced its work. He did not realize this so soon as some of his friends who observed him. He stuck to his post here and did the best he could, but his poor health kept him

more or less in retirement. He remained at his desk in the House until the last, and attended the last meeting of the House before the holiday adjournment. Just a few days before that I had requested the Chicago Members of Congress to gather in my committee room for the purpose of consulting about an appropriation for postal appliances in the new Chicago post-office building. Mr. MAHONEY was the first one to arrive. He was then almost too weak to be around. But he was anxious to do anything he could for his city. His two boys were here with him in December, and I remember meeting him with them one day and how proud he was of them, and as I looked into their manly faces I did not wonder at the pride he showed. And I thought to myself that when he has gone over the river, as he soon will go, they will be as proud that they are the children of such a father as he is now proud of them.

His wife and his four children—two girls and two boys—were his comfort and his delight. He leaves a heritage of name and fame in public office and private life of priceless value to these children. He was a devoted husband, a kind, considerate, loving parent, a faithful member of the Catholic Church, an esteemed citizen, an affectionate friend, a faithful legislator. He has left us when he was riding the wave, when in point of years he was at his best. He did his share and more than his share of work. He worked not for himself, but for others. There was no selfishness in him. There was nothing mean or sordid about him. He was always cheery and good-hearted.

Let us hope that the kind Providence which has now transferred his duties to another sphere of existence will deal gently and kindly with those left behind who were dependent upon him.

Mr. Speaker, in the midst of the last few weeks of the busiest session of Congress for years, when time is pressing us on every side, we pause from our legislative duties to pay our tributes of respect to the memory of this man who had done so much for others and who had made such a successful career for himself.

We offer to his bereaved widow and to his children our sorrowful grief over this desolation which has come into their lives, and venture to express the hope that they will find consolation in the contemplation of the noble qualities of him who was husband and father.

Address of Mr. Sulzer, of New York

Mr. Speaker: As a friend of William F. Mahoney, I come to-day to place on record my humble tribute to his memory. His unexpected death was a grievous blow to all his colleagues in this House, and a terrible shock to his family, his relatives, and his innumerable friends. It darkened a happy home, prostrated a loving family, and cast a pall of sadness over his native city. He died in the prime of life, at the summit of his career, in the zenith of his fame, in the service of his country, loved and mourned by all who knew him. But—

> There is a reaper whose name is Death,
> And with his sickle keen
> He reaps the bearded grain at a breath,
> And the flowers that grow between.

And our friend was a kindly, stately, knightly flower in the great garden of mankind.

William F. Mahoney was born in Chicago in 1856. He was a true son of the great metropolis of the West—that go-ahead, up-to-date, progressive, enterprising, and wonderful city on Lake Michigan. He was a product of Chicago, and he loved his native city with all the ardor of his nature, and always grew eloquent when discussing her greatness and her glories. He was educated in her schools, grew to manhood in her smiles and sunshine, became one of her leading merchants, served twelve years in her local legislature, and became one of her most prominent, popular, and distinguished citizens. He was proud of Chicago, and Chicago was proud of him. She sent him to the Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth Congresses, and I doubt not he could have had any honor in her gift.

I knew Congressman MAHONEY well. We served together for several years on the same committee in this House. He was a good man and a true man. He had a genial, sunshiny nature, a kindly, sympathetic disposition, and an attractive, magnetic, popular personality. He quickly made friends, and the friendships lasted for life. He was a friend of the poor, of the oppressed, and of the unfortunate. He was a lover of justice, a believer in the supremacy of law, and an advocate of every righteous cause. He stood for great principles, for fair play, for even-handed opportunity, and for equal rights to all, special privileges to none. He hated cant, spurned pretense, and despised hypocrisy. He was no skeptic—no cynic. He was an optimist, and not a pessimist. He loved mankind, and believed the world is growing better. He was a loving husband, an indulgent father, and a faithful friend. He will live in the hearts and the memories of those who knew him, and to do this is not to die. Death after all is but the crown of life—the opening of the door into the better, brighter sunshine of the undiscovered country in the great beyond.

WILLIAM F. MAHONEY was a successful man. His life work is done. He has run his course. He has kept the faith. His career on earth is finished, and he will reap his everlasting reward in the celestial land. We mourn with those who mourn his loss, and sympathize with his bereaved family. We grieve with those who grieve, and we comfort them as best we can, in our poor human way, with the consolation that his noble life, his generous character, his sympathies, his charities, his deeds of kindness, and his humanities will live forever and a day, and be his greatest monument—grander than marble or brass, and more enduring than the granite rocks of all the ages, for—

> We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths;
> In feelings, not in figures cold on the dial plate of time.

Address of Mr. Boutell, of Illinois

Mr. Speaker: My acquaintance with our late colleague, whose life and services we have met to commemorate to-day, began when he entered the Fifty-seventh Congress. During the last three years this acquaintance ripened into a friendship founded upon a high regard for his character. Three qualities in Mr. Mahoney especially attracted my attention, and, I think, the attention of all who knew him. He was always keenly alive to the claims and interests of his home city. Whenever any matter that affected the welfare of Chicago demanded the attention of our delegation, no one was more intelligently active or more zealous in its support than was our late colleague. His long residence in Chicago and his extended service in the city council made him familiar with the needs of our city, and we always found his advice and suggestions on practical matters relating to Chicago of great value.

Another admirable quality of our friend that drew favorable comment from all who were familiar with his Congressional career was his faithful attention to the routine duties of his office. Unless kept away by ill health, he was always in his seat when the House convened, and he was constant in his attendance during the sessions and quietly attentive to all the business in the House. He never failed in diligent attention to the business and requests of his constituents. It was my privilege to consult with Mr. Mahoney on several occasions in regard to measures in which we were mutually interested, and I found him invariably well informed respecting the measures of which he had charge.

In our large body various talents contribute to the successful transaction of the public business, and men here attain fame in divers spheres of activity; but I know of no talent that receives from thoughtful men more speedy recognition and more general commendation than does the talent for patient, intelligent devotion to the routine business of the House, a talent for which our friend was so conspicuous.

And finally, Mr. Speaker, I wish to bear grateful testimony to one rare and beautiful quality that ennobled and dignified the life of our good friend. He suffered frequently during the latter months of his life from the weakness and depression attendant upon serious illness, but no word of murmuring or complaint was ever heard by his associates. He bore himself in all his periods of suffering with unfailing cheerfulness, dignity, and courtesy. With his genial and affable disposition, his cordial sympathy, and strong affection he was deeply beloved as a husband and father and was held in affectionate esteem by all who knew him well.

Mr. MAHONEY'S service in the House of Representatives was short, but it was long enough to afford him the opportunity of establishing an enviable reputation for faithful attention to the duties of his office, patriotic devotion to the service of his constituents, and dignified, cheerful resignation under acute bodily suffering.

Such a reputation, Mr. Speaker, is the best and most enduring gift that any man can bequeath to his family and friends.

We shall do well if we shall carry away from this ceremony a renewed determination to emulate the virtues that make the life of our departed friend a pleasant and a fruitful memory.

Address of Mr. Williams, of Illinois

Mr. Speaker: While I am not generally inclined to participate in ceremonies of this character, I can not permit this opportunity to pass without submitting a few remarks as my humble tribute of respect to the memory of our departed colleague. And yet, how incomplete seems all our helpless words when we undertake to express our sorrow upon the death of a close and loving friend. It is certainly a very commendable usage of Congress to commit to its public records some evidence of its mourning upon the death of one of its distinguished Members, as well as its estimate of the life and character of the deceased. Such solemn services help to remind us of that eternal future which awaits us all. My acquaintance with Mr. Mahoney began at the commencement of the Fifty-seventh Congress and soon grew and ripened into a warm, personal friendship.

He was so kind, gentle, and affectionate in his companionship that he soon won the love and admiration of those who had the pleasure of his association. I had the honor of being selected by the Speaker of this House as a member of the committee chosen to attend the funeral of our deceased brother, and the performance of that sad duty gave me the opportunity to witness the large concourse of admiring friends who assembled at the residence of the deceased in the splendid city of his birth and life, where they came to bid a sad and affectionate farewell to one who had endeared himself to them all by his many kindly deeds and his faithful public service.

For twelve long years had he wisely and honestly represented their public interests in the common council of Chicago, a position in which the honor and integrity of the public citizen are thoroughly tested. And never in all those eventful years was there the slightest suspicion against the official acts of Mr. MAHONEY. He was a Member of the Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth Congresses, and by his honest and faithful service as such established for himself as clean and pure a record as any Member of this body. He was modest almost to timidity, and never engaged in public discussions upon the floor of the House, but always attentive to matters of legislation, careful and considerate in the discharge of his duties, and usually safe in his conclusions. While loyal to his own convictions and positive in his own views upon public questions, he was always so modest and courteous in his contentions as never to offend those who differed from his opinions. Mr. MAHONEY was a Democrat in politics, but not offensive in his partisanship, and numbered among the Republicans many of his most admiring friends.

He was ever watchful over the interests of his constituents, attentive to all their various calls, and seemed to find his greatest pleasure in trying to oblige others. He was well informed on all passing subjects, pleasant in conversation, and so retiring and winning in all his bearing as to make a friend of everyone who enjoyed his personal acquaintance. Mr. MAHONEY died at the early age of 46 years, comparatively a young man, and yet, when measured by public service, he had lived a long, eventful life—long enough to establish for himself the character of a good Christian citizen, a straightforward, successful business man, a true and obliging friend, a loving and devoted husband, a kind and affectionate father, and

an honest and capable public servant, and to secure for his memory an honorable distinction in the history of his country.

Upon the loss of such a friend, such a husband, and such a father, how precious the thought—

> There is no death! The stars go down
> To rise upon some fairer shore,
> And bright in heaven's jeweled crown
> They shine forevermore.
>
> There is no death! But angel forms
> Walk o'er the earth with silent tread;
> They bear our best loved things away,
> And then we call them dead.

Address of Mr. Robinson, of Indiana

Mr. Speaker: Legislators may come to the active duties and responsibilities of Congressional life and men may go, but the Government goes on. Within a week the bonds that bind this Congress together will be dissundered, and Members who have stood together for interests of State and country will part—too many to meet no more.

The future, however, will bring no sweeter recollection than the personal friendships engendered in this official life. Differing widely in politics and individual opinion on the great questions of public concern, the membership of this House never fail to unite, with heads and hearts together, in the great impulses that lead along the pathway of humanity.

In consonance with a beautiful custom, and agreeable to our traditions, we meet this solemn Sabbath day to memorialize a deceased Member, who has gone to that country of infallibility where Congresses and courts are not needed to enact and pass upon the virtue of rules for human action.

Only in a Congress of a country like this—the strongest, the richest, and the best—can be found such a diversity of ability and talent, such a fund of information and knowledge of our manifold and important interests.

As this is the greatest age of the world in scientific, moral, and material progress, so does this country, at this moment, stand at the head of all the countries.

To be selected as a Member of Congress in this era is a distinction to be made brighter by a conscientious performance of duty within one's opportunities. Indeed, reward and approval of constituency come from this course.

We eulogize Hon. WILLIAM F. MAHONEY to-day as a true representative of his people, as a conscientious legislator for his country. Some may excel in forensic ability, others in power to sway by their eloquence, and some in analysis of statistics. Some are informed in matters concerning the marts of commerce and the avenues of trade, others have intimate knowledge of mines and prairies, of the mountain sections and the deserts. Each knows human nature, each knows the needs of his constituency. All are needed to rule a country like this, and none are less needed than the others.

A Congress of orators would be less useful than a Congress of business men, and within this class all are comprehended who have business, and in a republic all should have.

In a country so wide in area, with interests so vast, so varied, each employment and vocation must have its representatives here to leaven this body, to balance and adjust it, to make it representative, and thus we meet the ideals of a republic. The grave is a common leveler. As with a sponge it wipes out all distinction. The only questions there—"The purity of life;" "The rectitude of conduct."

Glancing about us daily in this Chamber we see everywhere written that constituency asks only, "Is he faithful?" "Has he performed his duty?"

Modest and unassuming, vigilant in preserving the rights and interests of his people, careful in promoting legislation which he conceived to be for the best interests of the country, by every standard worthy of the name Hon. WILLIAM F. MAHONEY measured up to the true type of a Representative in Congress.

Votes in Congress mold for weal or for woe the policies of the country, and count far more in legislation than the oratory

of the comparatively few among the large membership that can be heard on either side of the proposition. The latter lend a charm and eloquence to the proceedings, but the careful, silent, plodding membership counts in committees and on the votes that decide the questions. To this large, useful, and influential class of careful, painstaking Members the deceased belonged, and for this he had the confidence of his constituency; for this he lives in the hearts of his people.

Address of Mr. Emerich, of Illinois

Mr. Speaker: Most of the Members of this House, and all of the representatives of the great city of Chicago will long recall with feelings of acute regret one somber winter day near the close of the year 1904. On that day, when we were all under the spell of holiday pleasures just enjoyed, there came unto us with paralyzing force a terrible shock. We all knew that he was ailing, but in our love and regard for the man we were absolutely unable to believe that so suddenly were we to be deprived of his genial comradeship, his kindly personality, his unflagging friendship, his untiring devotion to the public weal. On that fateful 27th day of December, with appalling abruptness, was terminated the useful career of one whom that great Garden City of the West had often and deservedly delighted to honor. On that day died William F. Mahoney.

Here was a man who in himself typified all of the best qualities of citizenship which flourish in that great section of our country of which the city he so dearly loved and so faithfully served is eminently representative.

Here was a man who in all his public and private affairs was impelled by the truest and purest altruism.

Here was a man in whom the golden rule was strikingly exemplified, who unto others did as he would have them do unto him and regardless of what was unto him done, invariably dealt with his neighbors, his constituents, his friends—aye, with all human kind—in the broadest, most charitable, most unselfish spirit.

Although of another religious faith, he was in the truest sense a unitarian—nay, more, a humanitarian—for all mankind

were his brethren, and race, creed, and condition were to him naught but words. In his great, throbbing, manly, generous brain he really knew no distinction.

His private life, his private honor, were pure and stainless; his business career honorable and upright; his public service a credit to himself and to the community he represented.

WILLIAM F. MAHONEY was born and reared in Chicago. There he spent his boyhood, his adolescence, and all his useful manhood until his untimely death. Chicago's interests were his interests; Chicago's glory his glory; Chicago's honor his honor; Chicago's progress, greatness, and preeminence the objects of his greatest solicitude; and to procure and to maintain these did he devote a lifetime of earnest effort and render yeoman service.

One section of our city—known as the "west side"—is the principal abode of the great army of toilers, to the fruits of whose toil and grime and sweat are largely due the city's greatness.

Among these he lived. These he loved. Him these loved, and with good reason, for morning and night, early and late, unremittingly he toiled and strove and battled for their rights.

Other men may have possessed more striking talents, but none more solid than he. Other men may have stood forth more prominently in the glare of notoriety; none better nor more faithfully represented his constituency than did he. Other men may have been more widely known, but none, despite his modest and retiring character, more intimately appreciated nor more sincerely loved by his neighbors than was he.

In his loss his family loses and mourns a wise, tender, generous, and devoted husband and father.

In his loss his constituency loses and mourns a faithful, earnest, conscientious servant.

In his loss his city loses and mourns a good, upright, public-spirited, patriotic citizen.

In his loss we, his coworkers and friends, lose and mourn a big-hearted, big-brained, supremely valued and thoroughly appreciated companion.

In his life is to be found an example to be emulated—an object lesson of patriotic fidelity and democratic simplicity such as the founders of the Republic believed to be the underlying basis of the perpetuity of free institutions.

In his death his immortal spirit ascends to the seat of divine grace accompanied by a solemn chorus of thanks and blessings that such as WILLIAM F. MAHONEY has lived in this world for this world's good, and this chorus is direct from the sincere hearts of all who loved him—and they are all who in his life were so fortunate as to know him.

Address of Mr. Ryan, of New York

Mr. Speaker: We are called to-day to pay the last tribute of respect to the memory of a colleague who has been called to the life beyond, and it is fitting that we should pause amid the trials of legislative duty to bear public testimony to the life and character of one who but a few weeks ago occupied a seat on this floor and took part in the deliberations of this body.

I met William F. Mahoney for the first time on the assembling of the Fifty-seventh Congress, in December, 1901, and my acquaintance with him grew into a warm friendship. I greatly admired his gentle bearing, his quiet manner, his warm friendship—always ready to do his utmost to serve his district, his party, and his country.

William Frank Mahoney was born in the city of Chicago, Ill., on February 22, 1856; was educated in the public schools of his native city; represented his ward in the Chicago city council for a period of twelve years, after which he was unanimously nominated for Representative in Congress for the Eighth district of Illinois and was elected to the Fifty-seventh Congress, taking his seat December, 1901. He was reelected in 1902 by practically the unanimous vote of the electors of his district. As a Member of this House he served as a member of the great Committee on Military Affairs, and when he passed away was making an enviable record as a Member of this body.

In a conversation, before the holiday adjournment, he informed me that his health was improving, and I had hoped he would soon regain his former strength, but an all-wise Providence ruled differently, and before the holiday season had

closed the sad news came that death had claimed him, and instead of greeting him at the opening of this session, as I would have been glad to do, I am here to add my tribute to his memory.

Mr. MAHONEY had the respect and confidence of the people of his district. Those who knew him best loved him best, and in honoring his memory to-day this House reflects honor on itself.

In the death of Mr. MAHONEY his State loses a good citizen, his friends a kind, gentle, sincere associate, his party a faithful worker.

He was a faithful public official. He died in the service of his country. We had hoped for him long years of usefulness and honor. He left to his family the record of a useful life and a spotless name.

Address of Mr. Hunt, of Missouri

Mr. Speaker: Upon my entering this Chamber for the first time, and having feasted my eyes upon this forum of freedom, a strange and mingled feeling of awe and reverence took possession of me, and I moved like one lost in a labyrinth of uncontrollable imaginings, which caused me to look about with a longing desire to find a friendly face to fraternize with or a kindly nod to give me welcome. It seemed to me that of all this assemblage I was the only one that did not have at least a speaking acquaintance among the membership of the Fifty-eighth Congress. Here I gazed in stolid silence, when suddenly my attention was attracted to a tall, mild-looking, meditative sort of man, whose pallid face seemed spread with melancholy, and his eyes sparkled with a splendid sadness as he talked to me and said, "My name is Mahoney, and I take it you are a new member." I answered him. He seemed to realize my position and remained with me and we talked over things that presented themselves to our observation. What he said has been of pleasure and profit to me frequently since that day. A singular coincidence is here presented. Mr. Mahoney was the first speaking acquaintance I formed at my arrival at the Capitol. And now I for the first time beget a speaking acquaintance with this Congress, in order that I may give public utterance to our common loss, and in muffled meter mourn the lapse of life in a kind and faithful friend.

Mr. Speaker, we are forced to the belief that the souls of the departed dead linger long and lovingly in the nether world. Having escaped their environments of clay without being able

to ascend, remain suspended between this life of labor and the world beyond, for—

> All houses wherein men have lived and died
> Are haunted houses; through the open doors
> The harmless phantoms on their errands glide
> With feet that make no sound upon the floors.
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> There are more guests seated at table than
> The host invited; the illuminated hall
> Is thronged with quiet, inoffensive ghosts,
> As silent as the pictures on the wall.

Mr. MAHONEY and myself chummed in the cloakroom and on the floor of this House. How well I remember the last time he appeared in this Chamber. The usual pallor of his face had faded into a yellow saffron shade and fell disease reveled in the havoc it had made. He was accompanied by his little bright-eyed boy, who seemed to be eager in his endeavor to do that which would please his father. That father's eyes were fastened on his boy with a supernatural sight, which seemed to speak a something his lips were loath to tell. Arising to leave this House forever, he said: "John, my seat is much better located than is yours. I will be away for some time. You are welcome to use it in my absence. I am not feeling well to-day. Good by!" When the news of his death came, it called keenly to my mind the knowledge that I had lost a friend, this House a useful Member, his family a faithful father. Death has won its usual victory, but heaven has gained a soul.

Address of Mr. Foster, of Illinois

Mr. Speaker: Were I to permit this occasion to pass without paying some tribute of respect to the memory of my late friend and colleague I would feel that I had been derelict in the discharge of duty. My acquaintance with our late colleague, William F. Mahoney, dates back over a period of about fifteen years, during all of which time I have respected and admired him for his many manly qualities of heart and mind. From personal observation and from frequent conversations with him I knew that he was not in good health during his service in Congress, and especially during the last session of the Fifty-eighth Congress, when he felt great anxiety as to his physical condition. Hence, while I deeply regretted the sad event, I was not surprised to hear of his death during the early days of the present session.

Mr. Mahoney had been prominent in the political life of his home city for many years. As a member of the common council of the city of Chicago, he represented an important constituency for several terms, until extensive private interests compelled him to decline further service, though he continued an active interest in public affairs. He was elected to the Fifty-seventh Congress as a Democrat, receiving a large majority, and was reelected to the Fifty-eighth Congress without opposition.

While others may have been more able and prominent in the legislation of this body, none were more honest, none were more industrious, none were more faithful in the discharge of their duty as public servants, and none were more energetic in

attending to the needs of their constituents than WILLIAM F. MAHONEY. He represented an industrial district, having a population thoroughly cosmopolitan in character, and therefore a district most difficult to represent satisfactorily. Mr. MAHONEY, though seemingly of a quiet, retiring disposition, was full of a clean, generous mirth and a happy humor that made him a welcome visitor to any part of that district and gained for him the respect, admiration, confidence, and esteem of his large and cosmopolitan constituency, irrespective of political opinions or affiliations.

I attended his funeral, and the demonstration of love and affection that was manifested on that occasion by a vast concourse of people from almost every condition of life, citizens of his district who had known him all his life, was a high testimonial to his worth and standing as a man and citizen.

Mr. MAHONEY was most happy in his domestic relations. He was a fond husband and a kind father. He left surviving him a widow, possessed of bright intelligence and praiseworthy ambition, clothed as with a garment with the beautiful womanly qualities of modesty, energy, and courage. She had been to him a friend, monitor, and counselor. Faithful to the last, with a heart almost breaking, she stood at the grave of her husband, grateful for the sympathy manifested on every side, and took up the burden of his life where he had laid it down, to see to it that the four splendid children—two boys and two girls—that he had left behind him should be, in some measure at least, a representation of the good qualities of their father. And those qualities were many, for WILLIAM F. MAHONEY was truly a lovable man. Possessed of a happy, genial disposition, he was always a welcome addition to social gatherings. Those who knew him well will testify that he had the true gift of conversation, which is to find points of agreement and not

points of difference. No man ever left a company of which WILLIAM F. MAHONEY was a part feeling wounded by unkind or even thoughtless observations by him. He was ever the genial, warm-hearted, happy friend. There was a touch of feminine softness in his nature that made it difficult for him to do harm to anyone, even a foe, but it must not be supposed from that that he lacked firmness or the power to defend, to oppose, or to attack, if need be.

He came of a race that has lived in history as one of the boldest and bravest and most patriotic of peoples, and there was never one of that race, however great he may have been at counsel, however powerful in oratory, or however mighty he may have been on the field, that had more real firmness when the need arose than the humble descendant who filled his place in this House. I have known him time and again, when some one would presume on that kindly nature of his, to show that he had an iron hand within the velvet glove. He was a man of courage and stood for his convictions manfully. He was a well-informed man. He, however, was not a public speaker. He made no pretensions to ability in that regard, and consequently made no great and commanding figure here, but his name will not perish because of that. There are men, and men. There are great men whom the world does not always recognize, and the greatest of all is he who does his duty to his family, his fellows, and himself; and WILLIAM F. MAHONEY was preeminently that man. He was modest, unassuming, honest. He was also a religious, God-fearing man. It has been said that men around us make their mark in the sands of time, but the waves of oblivion speedily efface them. He did not make a deep mark on the sands of time, but he carved his name without effort on the rocks above, where the storm does not reach;

and when men of more pretense are forgotten, those who knew WILLIAM F. MAHONEY and loved him will keep his memory green in their souls.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members who are necessarily detained from attending may have leave to print remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, it will be so ordered.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on agreeing to the resolution offered by the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. MANN].

The resolution was agreed to.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE SENATE

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. W. J. Browning, its Chief Clerk, communicated to the Senate the intelligence of the death of Hon. WILLIAM F. MAHONEY, late a Representative from the State of Illinois, and transmitted resolutions of the House thereon.

DEATH OF HON. WILLIAM F. MAHONEY.

Mr. CULLOM. I ask the Chair to lay before the Senate the resolutions of the House of Representatives relative to the death of my late colleague in that body.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair lays before the Senate the resolutions indicated by the Senator from Illinois, which will be read.

The Secretary read as follows:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
January 4, 1905.

Resolved, That the House of Representatives has heard with profound sorrow and deep regret of the death of Hon. WILLIAM F. MAHONEY, late a Representative from the State of Illinois.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate, and also a copy thereof to the family of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative the House do now adjourn.

Mr. CULLOM. Mr. President, I will take occasion at some future time to submit some remarks relative to the life and public services of my late colleague. For the present, I offer the resolutions I send to the desk, and I ask for their adoption.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Illinois offers resolutions, which will be read.

The resolutions were read, as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with deep sensibility the announcement of the death of Hon. WILLIAM F. MAHONEY, late a Representative from the State of Illinois.

Resolved, That as an additional mark of respect to the memory of the deceased the Senate do now adjourn.

The resolutions were considered by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to; and (at 4 o'clock and 15 minutes p. m.) the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, Thursday, January 5, 1905, at 12 o'clock meridian.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

FEBRUARY 27, 1905.

The message also transmitted resolutions of the House commemorative of the life and public services of Hon. WILLIAM F. MAHONEY, late a Representative from the State of Illinois.

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